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A gazillion books about animals are published each year, and a lot of them focus on the ways

Beauty and The Beast by Arluke and Bogdan

[Beauty and The Beast: Human-Animal Relationships as Revealed in Real Photo Postcards, 1905-1935](#). Reading this book by Arnold Arluke and Robert Bogdan is like going for a ride in a time machine. With the appearance of the Eastman Brownie camera in 1900, Americans went nuts taking pictures of the important things in their lives - including their animals. This extraordinary book uses 350 beautifully reproduced photo-postcards to illustrate the gamut of our relationships with other species. I was not surprised that people would purchase photos of pet dogs and cats. But who knew they would send their friends postcards of veterinary anatomy classes, flayed whale carcasses, and copulating horses? The book is a triumph of art and anthrozoology, and it reveals that, when it comes to human-animal relationships, how much things have changed over the last 100 years....and how much they have stayed the same.

[The Exultant Ark: A Pictorial View of Animal Pleasure](#). Books by animal activists are usually depressing chronicles of the litany of ways humans inflict suffering on other species. But in

Dog Sense by John Bradshaw

[Dog Sense: How The New Science of Dog Behavior Can Make You a Better Friend to Your Pet](#). For the dog lovers in your life, you can't beat this terrific book by John Bradshaw. Bradshaw is one of the few anthrozoologists whose research focuses largely on the animal-side of the human-animal bond. Unlike celebrity dog training guru Cesar Millan, Bradshaw's approach to understanding canine

psychology is based on 30 years of solid scientific studies. This book covers the gamut - from our understanding (and misunderstanding) of dog evolution, to the emotional lives and perceptual worlds of dogs, to practical advice on socializing a puppy. Your friends will be happy you bought them this book. So will their dogs.
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[Loving Animals: Toward A New Animal Advocacy](#). This controversial book by Duke University's Kathy Rudy will appeal to your friends who like the challenge of thinking deeply about ethical issues.

[Feel Better Little Buddy: Animals With Casts](#). What could be cuter than a puppy? A puppy with a broken leg, of course. This slim picture book by Julia Segal features tug-the-heart-strings photos

[Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat: Why It's So Hard To Think Straight About Animals](#). Lest I forget - consider giving *all* your friends my book on human-animal relationships. Recently out in paperback, it has the advantage of being the cheapest book on this list. Rather than toot my own horn, see what these reviewers ([and these](#)) have to say about it:

--Marc Bekoff - *"Read this book, read it again, and share it widely. It is that important."*

--Steven Pinker - *"A fascinating, thoughtful, and thoroughly enjoyable exploration of a major dimension of human experience."*

--Sam Gosling - *"Hal Herzog does for our relationship with animals what Michael Pollan in The Omnivores Dilemma did for our relationship with food."*

--Temple Grandin - *"Everyone who is interested in the ethics of the relationships between humans and animals should read this book"*